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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS RESPONDS TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FINDINGS REGARDING 2005 RENOVATION PROJECT AT TOPEKA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Kansas Secretary of Corrections Roger Werholtz said today that steps have already been taken to comply with an Environmental Protection Agency report released today regarding the removal of asbestos during renovation of “E” Dormitory at Topeka Correctional Facility (TCF) in 2005.

“We believe the EPA conducted a thorough and comprehensive review of the facts associated with the renovation of “E” Dorm,” Secretary Werholtz said. “As required in the findings of that report, the Department of Corrections has already taken steps to ensure that all Department buildings be evaluated for the presence of asbestos, and that any future renovation projects not be started until the building to be renovated is evaluated for the presence of asbestos and all necessary remediation is conducted within both state and federal guidelines.”

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